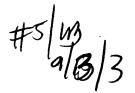




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued May 28, 2003 in connection with the above application, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-19 and 25-27 for prosecution.

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